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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - US-UK AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS--WEEK TWO-
APRIL 4-8

1. SECOND WEEK OF CURRENT ROUND OF US-UK AVIATION NEGOTIA-
TIONS (APRIL 4-8) CHARACTERIZED BY SOME PROGRESS. BOTH
SIDES COMPLETED THE TABLING OF POSITIONS ON MAJOR ISSUES
AND MADE SOME MOVEMENT TOWARD EACH OTHER ON SOME OF THESE
ISSUES. AS IN PREVIOUS WEEK, THERE WERE REGULAR PLENARY
MEETINGS AND WORKING GROUP SESSIONS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES.

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(A) ROUTES--WE HAVE INDICATED TO THE BRITISH THAT WE ARE
PREPARED TO CURTAIL OUR VERY BROAD INITIAL ROUTE REQUESTS
AND TO GRANT THEM IMPORTANT ROUTE OPPORTUNITIES. THERE
REMAINS A GREAT DEAL OF DIFFICULT BARGAINING AHEAD, BUT A
REASONABLY SATISFACTORY OUTCOME IS NOW FORESEEABLE.

(B) CAPACITY--ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY HINTS SO FAR,

IT APPEARS THE BRITISH ARE MOVING TOWARD THE US POSITION THAT EACH GOVERNMENT PRESERVE THE SIGNIFICANT CAPACITY INCREASES OF ITS OWN AIRLINES.

(C) FIFTH FREEDOM--THE BRITISH STILL INSIST THAT WE GIVE UP MORE FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS THAN WE ARE WILLING TO DO.

THIS WILL BE A VERY DIFFICULT ISSUE IN ALL US-UK MARKETS, EXCEPT PERHAPS BERMUDA/CARIBBEAN, AND THE ELEMENTS OF A FINAL AGREEMENT HAVE NOT YET BEGUN TO FORM. A POSSIBLE SOLUTION MAY ULTIMATELY BE WORKED OUT BY WAY OF OUR AGREEING TO PHASE OUT GRADUALLY SOME FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS OF LESSER VALUE.

(D) DESIGNATION--WE HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT SOME LIMITATION ON THE RIGHT TO DESIGNATE MORE THAN ONE NATIONAL AIRLINE ON A ROUTE, AND THE BRITISH HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO PERMIT SOME EXCEPTION TO THEIR POSITION THAT NO SUCH MULTIPLE DESIGNATION BE PERMITTED. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE IS REQUIRED BECAUSE IT IS CLOSELY LINKED TO MARKET SHARE.

2. ON SECONDARY ISSUES--RATES AND TARIFF PROCEDURES, CHARTER/SCHEDULED SERVICE LINKAGE, "NON-CONTROVERSIAL" ARTICLES--STEADY PROGRESS IS BEING MADE BY WORKING GROUPS.

(A) RATE AND TARIFFS PROCEDURES--PROBLEM REMAINS AS TO WHETHER TRAVEL AGENT COMMISSION RATES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN TARIFF/RATE ARTICLE. THERE IS ALSO A PROBLEM WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPECT TO TIME PERIODS FOR FILING PURPOSES, EXPRESSIONS OF DISSATISFACTION AND CONSULTATION. THESE PROBLEMS APPEAR HOWEVER RESOLVABLE.

(B) "NON-CONTROVERSIAL" ARTICLES--US AND UK MEMBERS HAVE AGREED ON FOLLOWING ARTICLES: REGISTRATION WITH ICAO, AMENDMENT, TERMINATION AND AIRWORTHINESS (EXCEPT FOR ONE SENTENCE WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED BY PLENARY DURING THIRD WEEK--APRIL 11-15). WORKING GROUP IS CLOSE TO AGREEMENT ON USER CHARGES AND SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF THE PREAMBLE, DEFINITIONS, RIGHTS OPERATED AND DESIGNATION ARTICLES.

3. DISCUSSIONS OF CARIBBEAN ROUTES BEGIN APRIL 12 AND BERMUDA ROUTES BEGIN APRIL 18.
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